THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) There are 14500 km of navigable inland waterways in the country of which five stretches have been declared as National Waterways. The year of declaration of each stretch as National Waterway is given below:

(i) **National Waterway-1**: Allahabad-Haldia stretch of the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river (1620 km). Declared as National Waterway in 1986.

(ii) **National Waterway-2**: Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of the Brahmaputra river (891 km). Declared as National Waterway in 1988.

(iii) **National Waterway-3**: Kollam-Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 km). Declared as National Waterway in 1993.

(iv) **National Waterway-4**: Kakinada-Pudducherry stretch of canals and Kaluvelly tank, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch of river Godavari and Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch of river Krishna (1095 km). Declared as National Waterway in 2008.

(v) **National Waterway-5**: Talcher-Dhamra stretch of rivers, Geonkhali-Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia-Dhamra stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi delta rivers (620 km). Declared as National Waterway in 2008.

(c) The National Waterways in our country are developed keeping in view the terrain, silting pattern, topography and regional transportation needs etc. The first three National Waterways *i.e.* National Waterways-1, 2 and 3 are being developed as per the projected requirement of shipping and navigation by providing basic inland transport infrastructural facilities including navigational channel with targeted depth and width for most part of the year, aids for day and night navigation and terminals at selected locations for berthing and loading/unloading of vessels. For National Waterway-4 and 5, declared as National Waterways in November 2008, proposals for development of these Waterways have been initiated.

Target under PMGSY

†*275. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of roads constructed *vis-a-vis* target for the same under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the last three years;

(b) the agencies which have been entrusted with the responsibility of construction of roads under this scheme and the officers who are responsible for the quality of roads;

(c) whether Government has received complaints of reconstruction of already constructed roads at some places under PMGSY;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government will provide immediate information pertaining to the roads being constructed under PMGSY on internet so that the public could get information about them?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), length of the roads constructed *vis-a-vis* target during the last three years is as under:

Year	Target (in Km)	Length completed (in km)
2006-07	45395	30710
2007-08	55020	41231
2008-09	64440	52405

(b) Rural Road is a State subject. Hence State Government has the responsibility of construction of roads under PMGSY. The State Governments have entrusted their responsibilities to respective State Rural Road Development Agencies (SRRDA). At the field level programme is implemented by the Programme Implementation Units (PIUs) under the supervision and direction of SRRDA. Central agencies such as M/s IRCON International Limited, M/s National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited, M/s National Projects Construction Corporation Limited, M/s National Hydro-electric Power Corporation Limited, Central Public Works Department and Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited have also been engaged in some States for construction of rural roads under PMGSY.

Officers of the implementing agencies are responsible for the quality of roads.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The detailed information pertaining to the roads being constructed under PMGSY is available for the public on the website ***www.omms.nic.in.***

Mass leave by pilots of Domestic Airlines

*276. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent mass leave taken by pilots of domestic airlines, the passengers had to face hardships due to uncertainty about scheduling or cancellation of flights;

(b) if so, whether certain norms have been prescribed for the airlines to provide credible and timely information to the passengers in such situations;

(c) if so, the details of such norms; and